

**Minutes of the Animal Welfare Committee  
Davis Hall, City of College Park  
March 26, 2015**

<u>Term Exp.</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
6/30/2013	Taimi Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4/30/2017	Suzie Bellamy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2/28/2017	Patti Brothers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
N/A	Vivian Cooper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6/30/2017	Betty Gailles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2/27/2017	Harriet McNamee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3/31/2015	Christine Nagle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3/31/2016	Dave Turley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5/31/2015	Christiane Williams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2/28/2017	Cindy Vernasco	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Co-Chair McNamee called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**I. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the February 26, 2015 Animal Welfare Committee meeting minutes.

**Moved:** Co-Chair Nagle  
**Aye:** Unanimous

**Second:** Co-Chair McNamee  
**Nay:** 0      **Abstain:** 0

**II. ACO Report**

The AWC account balance is \$10,750; veterinary service expenditures total \$2,882; the balance for animal control cost recovery is \$2,790.

**III. Shelter/Adoption Report**

Adoptions: 4 cats  
Intake: 2 cats  
Petco: 3 cats

- Three guinea pigs were picked up in College Park Woods and were sent to Metropolitan Guinea Pig Rescue.
- One dog was picked up from the College Park Animal Hospital by one of their clients in Hyattsville; he went to the County Shelter.
- There are currently no animals at the College Park shelter.

#### **IV. College Park Strategic Plan for 2020**

The AWC has been requested to provide comments on the strategic plan. The following comments were briefly discussed:

- Goal 2 – Community Engagement – include information on the City’s Adoption Program
- Goal 4 – Growth and Development – working toward the North County Shelter
- Goal 5 – Resilient and Quality Infrastructure – a dog park; current shelter should be a priority or the North County Shelter should be operational by 2020
- Goal 6 – Council Priority Staff Secession Plan – expand plan to provide backup for the ACO
- Goal 7 – Excellent Services (2020 Council Priority 7D) – AWC supports North County Shelter

#### **V. College Park Review of Boards and Commissions**

Co-Chair Nagle stated that the AWC has not yet been scheduled to be reviewed by the City Council; probably not until May 2015.

#### **VI. Report to City Council**

AWC members will add more information to be included in the Report to the City Council.

#### **VII. AWC Activities**

- Maryland Day (April 25)
- Greenbelt Pet Expo (June 6 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) – AWC will participate

#### **VIII. Other Business**

- ACO Cooper will be out of town from March 26 to April 14, 2015. Animals picked up will be taken to the County Shelter.
- The AWC brochure put together by Ms. Gailes will be reviewed at the April meeting.
- Co-Chair Nagle will submit the edited AWC webpage.
- Co-Chair Nagle will check on the AWC 2016 budget request.
- The Sheltering Magazine subscription has been placed (\$20/year).
- A task force consisting of representatives from each of the various municipalities has been established in regard to the feasibility study for the proposed North County Shelter.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

The AWC meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m. The next AWC meeting is scheduled for April 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Davis Hall.

Minutes prepared by Debra Pinkett, Contract Secretary for the City of College Park